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### Allard Lowenstein and the C.I.A.

To the Editor:

Ronald Radosh's review of my biography of Allard Lowenstein, "The Pied Piper" (April 14), claims my charge that Lowenstein worked for the Central Intelligence Agency is based "entirely on guilt by association." He neglects my extensive documentation of Lowenstein's C.I.A.-related activities and the extensive reference sources and notes supporting my conclusions.

Following publication of the book, documents were disclosed to me that further substantiate my allegations. According to Federal Bureau of Investigation records, an F.B.I. informant reported on Feb. 5, 1962, that Lowenstein twice told students he had an "affiliation with the Central Intelligence Agency." The informant was incredulous, so the matter was brought to the attention of the C.I.A.

On Feb. 19, 1962, the chief of the Contact Division of the C.I.A. submitted a memorandum to the chief of the Personnel Security Division requesting a priority security check on Lowenstein, who was being considered for employment with the agency. The memo says, "Our deadline is 23 February 1962 for approval to contact Subject on ad hoc basis." It also states that "Subject reportedly has stated that he has done some work for CIA. If he were used in a [word deleted] capacity, then this is an indiscretion regarding which our field representative would like to know something about the background before any contact is made."

The 1962 date conforms to the recruitment date given me by a confidential source who knew Lowenstein and who served as a United States Army intelligence officer. I submit that the work Lowenstein said he performed before 1962 was smuggling out Hans Beukes, a "colored" student from South-West Africa, at the behest of the C.I.A. A source who has worked both for the C.I.A. and military intelligence reported that Lowenstein did this, and I have no reason to disbelieve it.

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